

**TELECONFERENCE
SOIL SCIENCE SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 4, 2004**

9:30 AM

TELEPHONE: Tracy Benzel, Jon Gumtow, Robert Wendt

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Lowrie, Bureau Director; William Black, Legal Counsel; and Pat Schenck, Program Assistant,

CALL TO ORDER

Tracy Benzel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. A quorum of three members was present.

AGENDA

Additions to Agenda:

- Add Election of Officers
- Add Election of Screening Panel Members

MOTION: Jon Gumtow moved, seconded by Robert Wendt, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2004

The Soil Science Section held open elections for Board Officers for 2004.

MOTION: Robert Wendt moved, seconded by Jon Gumtow, to nominate Tracy Benzel, Chair; Robert Wendt, Vice Chair; Jon H. Gumtow, Secretary. Motion carried unanimously

**APPOINT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR SCREENING PANEL
2004 SCREENING PANEL APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Benzel, Chair, called for Section members to serve on the screening panel. Mr. Benzel will continue to serve on the screening panel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/16/03)

Amendments to minutes:

- Change dates on page 2, item # 1 to July 15-17, 2004.

MOTION: Jon Guntow moved, seconded by Robert Wendt, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2003 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT JERRY LOWRIE, BUREAU DIRECTOR SECTION ROSTER

Noted.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND LEGISLATION

Noted.

DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY WITH MINNESOTA

Minnesota will add substantially equivalent with Wisconsin to their agenda. If Minnesota will accept our candidates, Wisconsin will automatically accept Minnesota candidates. Department staff can issue the licenses by reciprocity with Minnesota without the application going before the Section for approval.

PRACTICE ISSUES ARPAC/LICENSED SOIL SCIENCE COMPARISON LIST UPDATE

The Section compared a list of soil scientist licensed in Wisconsin against a list of ARPAC members. Only 40 Wisconsin licensed soil scientists appeared on the ARPAC member list. The Section was interested in making a comparison as ARPAC members receive continuing education. The Section questioned whether this was a complete list of the ARPAC members. Soil scientists not participating in ARPAC are not receiving any continuing education at this time.

The Section will review this list when discussing continuing education as a condition of renewal of their credential in the future.

GHSS INTERAGENCY LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jerry Lowrie reported that Deputy Mary Schlaefter has left the Department of Regulation and Licensing but reported that Deputy Schlaefter had contacted the Department of Natural Resources. The Section will continue this discussion at the next Section Meeting.

EDUCATION ISSUES
DISCUSSION OF UPDATED LIST OF HORTICULTURE, AGRONOMY, SOIL
SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, HYDROLOGY, AND GEOLOGY
SCHOOLS

Mr. Benzel indicated that the list of schools including faculty, and staff names needs updating. Mr. Benzel reported that thirteen four-year campuses are on the web. The Section members will work on compiling lists that include the names of the faculty and staff into one list by looking at each Department's website. Mr. Benzel will e-mail the Section members a list of schools for them to research. The Department will maintain the mailing list. Each faculty and staff person in each Department will have a separate address for mailing. Department Staff could maintain mailing labels for future mailings.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
ACT 118 INFORMATION

The Section will continue pursuing continuing education.

TRAVEL
CONFERENCE/INTENT TO TRAVEL

MOTION: Jon Guntow moved, seconded by Tracy Benzel, to designate Robert Wendt to attend the Council of Soil Science Examiners Meeting on July 15-17, 2004 at Lexington, KY to work on the fundamentals exam and to represent Wisconsin's Soil Science Section. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW
BOARD CHAIR INFORMATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Robert Wendt moved, seconded by Jon Guntow, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 16, 2004